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Dear Middletown Public Schools Community,

Yesterday we witnessed an attack on our nation's basic principles of democracy. Moreover, our children watched and listened as these principles were challenged – and they are left with more questions than answers.

While a civil and meaningful protest is a constitutional right for every citizen of this country, attacking the Capitol in Washington D.C. is an egregious act. We must model that it is acceptable practice to agree to disagree on issues and use due process to resolve our differences.

Our nation has endured so much during the past ten months of the pandemic – losing basic socialization, traditional school, and the loss of loved ones. Now, our confidence in the democratic process has been shaken.

Middletown Public Schools will continue to be the exemplar regarding modeling the definition of democracy – welcoming **ALL** ideologies and beliefs regardless of gender, belief, preference, ethnic background, or race.

Please join me as a community to reinforce the ideals of *freedom, love, agency, and empowerment* with our children as together we chart the path forward.

Yours in solidarity,

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